

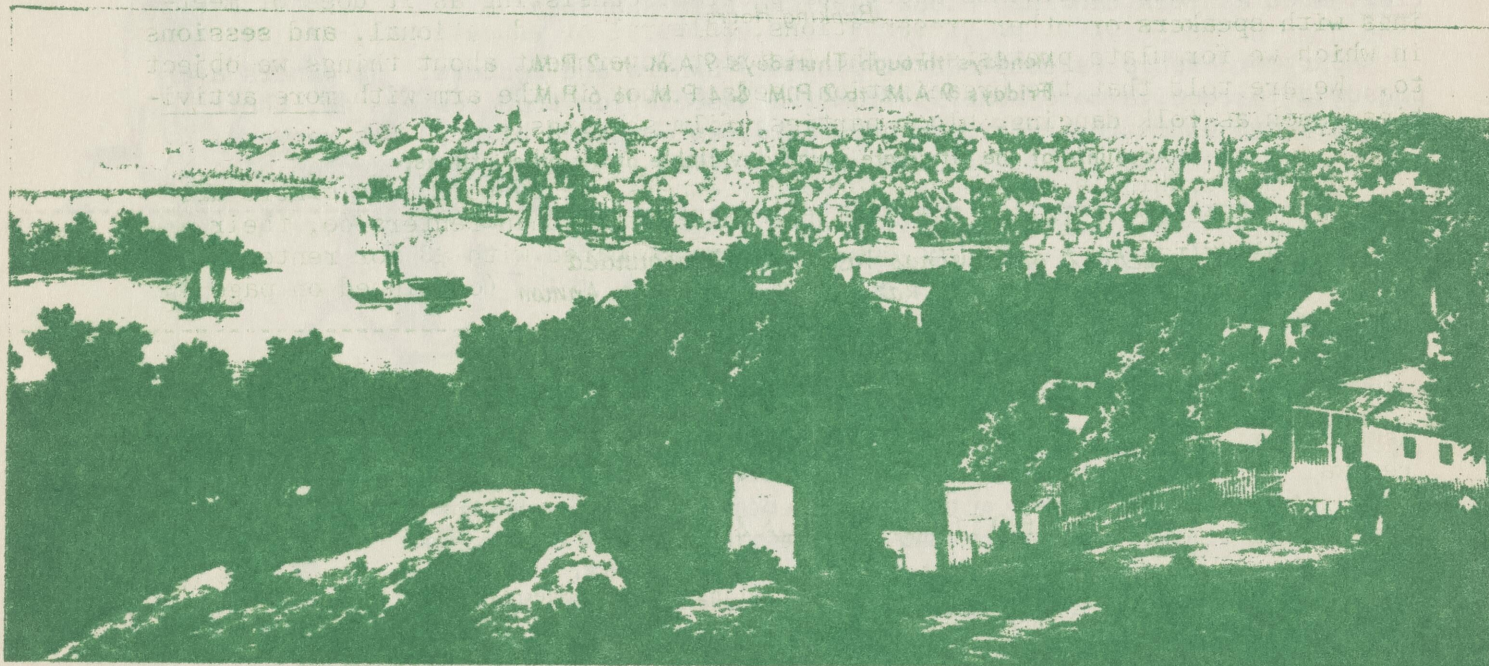
FOGGY BOTTOM NEWS

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TIME FOR CHANGE?

The next meeting of the Foggy Bottom Restoration Association on Monday evening, March 26, will be devoted to a discussion of various "internal" questions. Does the Association need a new name? Should more of Foggy Bottom be included within its boundaries? Should the requirements for membership be changed? Would a greater variety of activities be feasible? Should the Foggy Bottom News be published more frequently and have wider distribution?

Some people maintain that our name is dated and outmoded. Oldtimers tell us that we acquired our present name when members of the (continued on page 2)



A mural in the Foggy Bottom branch of the McLachlen Bank depicts our waterfront as it looked about 110 years ago. The mural is based on a painting by an unknown artist, a reproduction of which is shown above. The People's Life building stands about where the large boulder appears in the foreground of the picture, and the site of the McLachlen Bank is somewhere to the right. Virginia Avenue did not yet exist. The outline of the mouth of Rock Creek is visible, and a tip of the north shore of Roosevelt Island is shown.

Association were primarily, and almost exclusively, interested in getting urban renewal for the 20 blocks that constitute our slice of Foggy Bottom. When the Association failed to get urban renewal, it is contended, the name of the organization ought to have been changed to the Foggy Bottom Citizens' Association. Others say simply that since the "restoration" is all but complete the name no longer applies.

When our association was formed, the present geographic limits seemed logical enough. They extend from 23rd Street on the east to Rock Creek Parkway on the west, and from Pennsylvania Avenue on the north to Virginia Avenue on the south. We have heard it said that we should incorporate George Washington University and the State Department, as well as the Pan American Sanitary Bureau--to be located at 23rd Street and Virginia Avenue -- and all the other projected developments south of Virginia Avenue to Constitution Avenue.

We have heard complaints about our program, consisting as it does of meetings with speakers or other presentations, cultural or educational, and sessions in which we formulate protests to the District Government about things we object to. We are told that the organization needs a shot in the arm with more activities, such as folk dancing, block parties, film showings.

Our membership is composed of property owners and renters. As owners are presumed to receive more benefit from the Association than renters do, their dues are higher -- \$5 a year per household, as compared with \$3 for renters.

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PESTS IN FOGGY BOTTOM GARDENS

By Velva Rudd, Garden Editor

Sketches by Audrey Prissler, Staff Artist

The Japanese Beetles found us! Last summer, for the first time in my six years in the Bottom, I saw them chomping on my roses. Presumably, next summer there will be many more. In the fall they went underground to lay their eggs, but in June or July their offspring will appear to carry on the devastation. At sight of the first beetle (metallic green and copper-colored) it will be well to rush to the garden store for a suitable spray, Sevin, DDT, etc., to interrupt the cycle before too much damage is done.

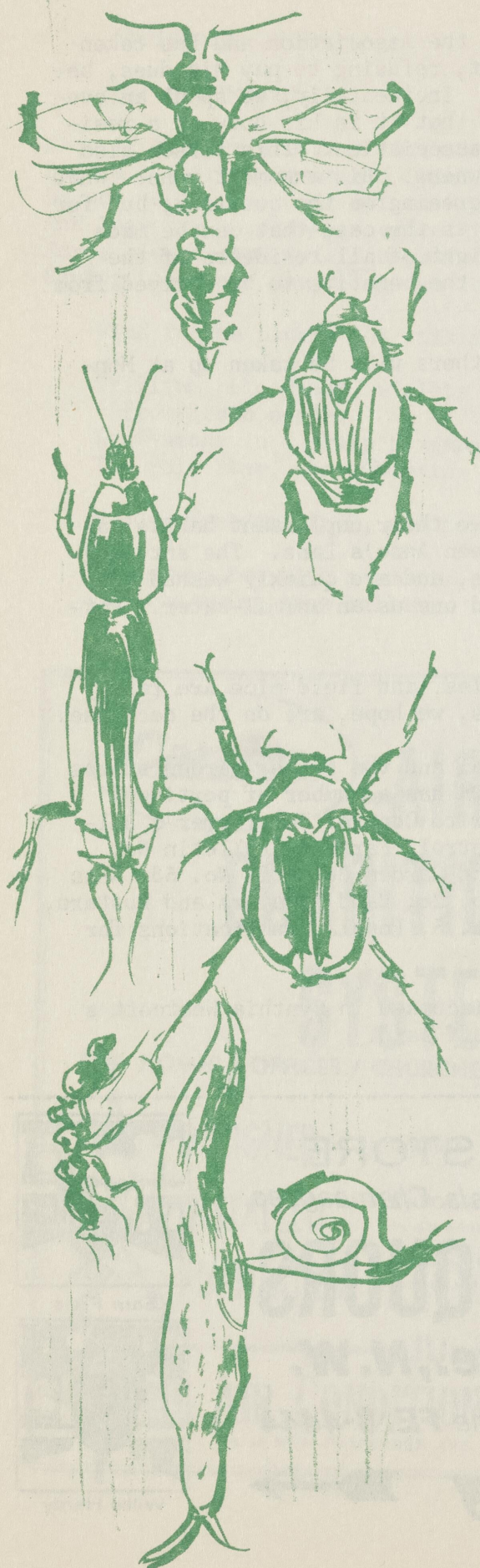
One of the nastiest creatures to be found in our patios is the slug. These pests especially appreciate moist brickwork, into and under which they retire by day, at night emerging to feed on the vegetation. Many of the tender seedlings that vanish without a trace have been transformed into slug protoplasm. Slugs range in size from about one-half inch when young to six or seven inches when fully grown. Poison baits such as Snarol are somewhat effective, but enough individual slugs always seem to survive to carry on the slimy line. The USDA says that ducks are fond of slugs and snails...a tempting thought!

There is usually to be found a miscellaneous population of ants, aphids, grubs, cutworms, sowbugs, etc., for which DDT, Malathion, and such can be applied, but one must be careful to observe proper precautions in using these poisons, especially if children or pets are on the premises.

Birds such as cardinals and mocking birds may be welcome, but the occasional visitations by pigeons are a nuisance in a tiny yard. I found that squirting them with a hose and refraining for a few days from putting out feed for the little birds tend to discourage them.

Squirting with the hose, however, seems not to discourage cats from coming over the patio fence. They either have short memories, or simply insist on considering a dogless yard a safe haven where they can perform their private duties in relative peace, a hose notwithstanding.

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We know of one owner-member who has been active in the Association and has taken difficult assignments but who this year dropped out, refusing to pay his dues, because he believes that renters should be excluded. Incidentally, we spent an evening recently trying to convince a renter-neighbor that it is his duty as a resident of the neighborhood to support his citizens' association. This person also feels that the organization should be limited to owners. His argument runs: What good does a renter get out of it? Two Bottomers agreeing on the question, but for completely different reasons! And of course there is the case that can be made for the other side of the matter in terms of the right of all residents of the area to belong to an association such as ours, and the benefits to be derived from membership, even for renters.

It is hoped that all of these questions and others will be taken up at Monday's meeting. See you there?

PESTS (Continued from page 3)

Dogs do not climb over fences, but they do have their unpleasant habits, as witness the unfortunate little evergreens along Queen Anne's Lane. The anti-dog and cat sprays seem to be only moderately effective, and are quickly washed away by rain. (Taking more drastic measures would brand one as an animal-hater. Pet-owners are never called plant-haters!)

Such suburban pests as rabbits, squirrels, moles, and field mice are rarely encountered in our urban area. House mice and rats, we hope, are on the decrease.

Most garden books have chapters on pest control and the better garden stores have personnel who can give needed advice. The USDA has a number of pertinent bulletins, among them: The Japanese Beetle and How to Control It, Farmer's Bulletin No. 2151; Land Slugs and Snails and Their Control, Farmer's Bulletin No. 1895; Lawn Insects and How to Destroy Them, Home and Garden Bulletin No. 53; Ants in the Home and Garden, Home and Garden Bulletin No. 28; Hand Sprayers and Dusters, Home and Garden Bulletin No. 63. Also, see list No. 5, Popular Publications for the Farmer, Suburbanite, Homemaker.

Another important pest worth considering is discussed in Cynthia Westcott's recent book, Are You Your Garden's Worst Pest? 'Nuff said.



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Christmas, 1961

By Pearl Hogrefe

Even if this be the last Christmas
Before the Great Arson and Suicide
Do not mourn or cringe but savor life,
And leave -- somehow-- a secret testament
For a slow-footed trillion-year'd future
Saying these are the things we found good:

Wind in the pines, the talking of lazy
streams,
Trillium, bloodroot, violets struggling
from brown death,
Leaf-smoke in a crisp November dusk,
The Pole Star, show-wheeling Orion.

Honor, freedom, love, and good will.

Christmas Eve with a promise of peace
And the quiet snow falling.

The poet, Pearl Hogrefe, who sometimes spends a few months in Washington, sent us this poem for Christmas. With her permission we share it with the readers of the springtime Foggy Bottom News. "...Yes, you may reprint the poem, though Christmas is now long gone; the general idea of the poem is not limited to Christmas," she wrote us in February from Ames, Iowa, where she is a member of the faculty of English and Speech at Iowa State University. To us the theme of the poem seems perhaps even more appropriate for the Lenten season and for Easter than for Christmas. When in Washington Miss Hogrefe spends most of her time in the Folger Shakespeare Library because of her interest in English civilization of the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Centuries. Her last book, published in 1959,--
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The Sir Thomas More Circle (University of Illinois Press) -- is based in large part on research she did in the Folger Library. She plans to be back in the library next summer, as she is now working on Sir Thomas Elyot, a younger man than Sir Thomas More but a friend of his.

Mrs. William S. Gruger, who for the past year has been living with her daughter, Harriet Gruger, our Acting President, celebrated her 85th birthday on February 28. The Gruger home on I Street was filled with flowers and goodies, including a cake which I Street neighbors had baked for the occasion. Mrs. Gruger received birthday messages -- mostly by long distance telephone -- from all six of her sons and from her brother, who lives in Florida. She had a cable from her granddaughter, Ann, in Stockholm, and a grandson arrived from Boise, Idaho, to help his Grandma celebrate. Mrs. Gruger was born in Elmira, New York, and spent most of her adult life in Seattle, Washington, where she raised her seven children -- six sons, and Harriet, her only daughter.

Father George D. Thoms, who had been serving as junior curate of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, sailed for Europe on the S.S. "United States" on March 21 and will go directly to Bonn, Germany, to study at the University there in preparation for an advanced degree. Early in May there will be a meeting and retreat for American Episcopalians in Europe at Berchtesgaden which Father Thoms hopes to attend. Members of St. Paul's congregation presented him with farewell gifts at a breakfast in Pillsbury Hall on the last Sunday of his parish ministry. *****

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Foggy Bottom artist Jack Perlmutter's mural, in the foyer of Temple Sinai, 3100 Military Road, N.W., was dedicated at Sabbath services on Friday evening, March 16. Jack's painting, titled "Creation," and Jack himself are shown above. At the dedication ceremony both Congressman Frank Thompson of New Jersey, the speaker, and Rabbi Eugene Lipman of Temple Sinai spoke of the virtues of nonconformity. The mural, which might be described as "abstract realism," occasioned some controversy at the time it was placed on the Temple walls last summer. Jack painted it on panels in his studio, which is in the Wender Building, 2026 I Street. "Creation" is regarded by critics as one of the finest paintings of this talented artist.

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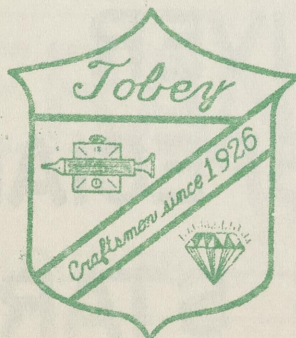
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A nine-member Board of Directors of Potomac Plaza Terraces, Inc. was elected at the first meeting of the owners on March 12. They are Ruth Allison, Donald Beelar, Robert Bernstein, Giuseppe Cecchi, Edith Greer, Kathryn Heath, Dorothy Hurley, Ramon Purdy, and Charley Rogers.

Anne and Clarence Eason are moving into 915 Hughes Mews this week. They were married a year ago in Drammen, Norway. Anne met Clarence when she came to Washington two years ago under a program of the American-Scandinavian Foundation after having spent a year studying in Paris. Clarence, a native of Glen Burnie, Maryland, graduated from the Gilmore School in Baltimore and Carnegie Tech with a degree in architecture. He is now employed with the Washington firm of Saterlee & Smith. Anne is employed at Martin's china, crystal and silver store on Connecticut Avenue.

Harry Offenbacher, our dependable firewood and coal man, lost his wife, Mamie, this winter, we were sorry to learn. She died of cancer in Arlington Hospital January 10, following a long illness. Living with Harry now is his 13-year-old grandson, Lynwood Church, who always has dinner ready when Harry gets home from his regular work at a lumber mill. His wood and coal business in Foggy Bottom is an evening-and-weekend sideline serving a wide circle of appreciative fireplace owners who commend him for his integrity and well-seasoned oak, cut to order. If you want some, telephone JA 7-3758.

Miss Helen Munroe, the senior communicant of St. Paul's Parish, died February 23 at the age of 91. A lifelong member of the parish, Miss Munroe was baptised in St. Paul's in 1871 and confirmed in 1885. A Requiem Mass was said for her by the Reverend James Richards, rector of St. Paul's.



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Minutes of Association Meeting February 26

The meeting was called to order by Miss Harriet Gruger, Acting President, who introduced the speaker of the evening, The Honorable Louis Brownlow, a distinguished former newspaper reporter, writer and authority on civic and municipal government.

Mr. Brownlow's topic was "Foggy Bottom - Its Past and Its Future." He spoke on the part citizens' associations have played in the development of municipal government in the District of Columbia, detailed interesting personal experiences, and the far-reaching effect zoning had on the Foggy Bottom area.

(Excerpts from Mr. Brownlow's address will be published in our April issue. Ed.)

Following Mr. Brownlow's address, Miss Gruger introduced Mrs. Bullitt, the Zone 7 representative for the National Symphony fund drive, who appealed for support for the Symphony and especially for volunteer door-to-door solicitors.

There then ensued a lengthy discussion of the traffic problem in Snow's Court resulting from the excavation on 24th Street preparatory to construction of a new large apartment building. Mr. Ralph Rechel summarized steps he and other property

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Foggy Bottom Restoration Association:
Acting President, Harriet Gruger,
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Secretary, Catherine Stokes, 2527
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Treasurer, Bernice Abbot, 2475
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owners had taken with the Zoning Commission and the District Commissioners regarding the zoning hearing at which the apartment building appeal was considered. He dealt particularly with the fact that nearby property owners apparently acted within its authorized jurisdiction in its decision on the apartment building, and that the only legitimate complaint seemed to be the lack of notice to nearby property owners of the zoning hearing. He further said that he and several others had an appointment for March 7 with the Zoning Commission to discuss this situation, but he believed all that could be done was to complain about the non-receipt of the hearing notice.

A number of residents of Snow's Court complained about the heavy traffic entering and leaving the Court through its one narrow access, especially the heavy machinery and trucks

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carrying materials for construction of the apartment house on 24th Street. Father Richards also spoke about this traffic problem, and made a motion regarding a plea for additional access to Snow's Court, which Miss Rose McKee requested include a statement opposing access to the new apartment building through Snow's Court. The following motion and the amendment were seconded and passed by the meeting:

"That the Association address a letter to the Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia, enclosing a plot of Snow's Court, suggesting that the Government of the District of Columbia investigate the possibility of an additional access being made from Snow's Court in a way which would fit in with plans of the City; and further that the Foggy Bottom Restoration Association request that access to the new apartment presently under construction on 24th Street and backing on Snow's Court be other than through Snow's Court."

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m., after which coffee and cookies were served.

(Signed) Catherine S. Stokes, Secretary

The Harding Salon of Beauty proudly announces the addition of a new member to its staff, Louis Marinaccio, Jr.

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Irving Knight bought the property at 2404 I Street in December, moved into his house in January, and joined the Foggy Bottom Restoration Association in February. He is single, lives alone, has no pets, and is employed by the IBM as sales promotion manager for its federal systems division.



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March 27-28	"One-Eyed Jacks" plus "The Unforgiven"
March 29-31	"Lust for Life" plus "Executive Suite"
April 1-2	"Tea and Sympathy" plus "Story of Three Loves"
April 3	"Pandora and the Flying Dutchman" plus "The Barefoot Contessa"
April 4	"Hatful of Rain" plus "No Down Payment"
April 5	"Merry Andrew" plus "On the Double"
April 6	"Houseboat" plus "It Started in Naples"
April 7	"Compulsion" plus "Sanctuary"
April 8-9	"Romanoff and Juliet" plus "Beau Brummel"
April 10-11	"Julie" plus "Gaby"
April 12	"Glenn Miller Story" plus "The Five Pennies"
April 13-14	"Dark at the Top of the Stairs" plus "Imitation of Life"
April 15-16	"Rhapsody" plus "Interlude"
April 17-18	"Young Doctors" plus "Cobweb"
April 19	"Mating Game" plus "My Man Godfrey"
April 20-21	"Naked Edge" plus "The Wrong Man"

Arena Stage is presenting the Washington premiere of "The Burning of the Lepers," a new play by California playwright Wallace Hamilton. It opened at Arena on Tuesday, March 20. The drama is set in 14th Century France and is based on an actual historical event which involved a leper colony in the south of France. Hamilton wrote the play as a degree thesis for Harvard University. "The Burning of the Lepers" will run through April 15.

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Members and friends of the Foggy Bottom Restoration Association are invited to be the guests of George Washington University on Monday Evening, April 23. Thomas H. Carroll, who was inaugurated President of the University in February, 1961, and Henry W. Herzog, GW treasurer, will speak. Theme of the program is to be the cultural future of Foggy Bottom. This program will constitute the regular April meeting of the Association. The meeting will be held in the Faculty Conference Room of the University at 2023 G Street.

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